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SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" Sir, it is not a question of going into the merits. But the question is whether there has been a lathi charge, whether the lathi charge has been proper, and whether the lathi charge had any background. The Chief Minister came forward and said that an award had been given, and even after that the agitation had been continuing. He said he requested the agitators and tried to stop the agitation, and yet it continued. That is the point. My contention is that the award was for the whole of the taluk, and the agitation was to appoint a boundary commission to go into the question of the Bellary taluk just as in the case of Chittoor. The question is whether Bellary taluk will be handed over to the boundary commission when the commission is appointed. That was the peaceful agitation, and that is what the agitators asked for. Hence, there is nothing contradictory between the agitators in Chittoor and those in Bellary."

MR. SPEAKER :—" This is not an urgent matter. This comes under matters of day to day administration. So, I rule the motion out of order.

(7) NEW ELEMENTARY EDUCATION SCHEME.

MR. SPEAKER :—" Now come the adjournment motion of Sri P. Rangaswami Reddiar, Sri A. Doraiswami Gounder, Sri A. Govindaswami, Sri P. Ramamurthi, Sri E. L. Raghava Mudaliar, Sri A. Ratnam, and Sri V. R. Nagarajan. The adjournment motion of Sri P. Rangaswami Reddiar reads as follows :—

'That the business of the House be adjourned to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the recent introduction of modified scheme of work and training of Elementary School pupils in rural areas of this State from this academic year.'

The same thing is repeated in the other adjournment motions given notice of by other Members. I wish to know what the Leader of the House wants to say on this motion."

* THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, I do not at all wish to stand in the way of the discussion as proposed. But I do not think that the present discussion on the Andhra State Bill should be postponed or delayed for that reason. At the end of the discussion on the Andhra State Bill, I have no objection to have a discussion in the usual way on the new elementary education scheme. The Hon. Speaker might fix a time for this discussion."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Sir, if we have the assurance that the Government will set apart a day or more . . ."

MR. SPEAKER :—" As far as the Treasury Bench is concerned, even if I admit this motion, they do not object to it. It is not about a separate day for discussion. The motion itself will be admitted. As far as the Chair is concerned, I am going to admit this motion."

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SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" The only question with which I am concerned is whether the Government will allot a day for this after discussion on the Andhra State Bill is over."

* THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" It is not a question of allotment of a day. The Hon. Speaker can fix 4 o'clock on any day. Instead of to-day, it may be at the conclusion of this debate on the Andhra State Bill, because the Andhra State Bill is more urgent for the time being."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have admitted this motion. I should like to know from the House how many Members give their support to this motion. The Government will say that they are also willing to support the motion."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Sir, yesterday when I met you in your Chamber and had a talk with the Leader of the House, a suggestion was made that a full day might be allowed for discussion of this new elementary education scheme. This is a very important scheme. In fact, none of the adjournment motions speak of the policy of the Government as a whole. The adjournment motions speak of the failure of the Government to consult the House before taking a particular step. I am asking the Leader of the House to see that at least one full day is allotted for discussion of this elementary education scheme after discussion on the Andhra State Bill is over so that we can go into the whole question of the educational policy of the Government fully, and express our views. An opportunty must be available to the Members of this House to express their opinion on this very important scheme."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Hon. Members can discuss the new elementary education scheme only for two hours. The other alternative is to have a talk with the Leader of the House."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Yesterday I had a talk with the Leader of the House in your presence. I wanted the Leader of the House to assure the House of a full opportunity to discuss the new elementary education scheme. I thought he would make an announcement in the House."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, you have admitted the motion. The only question is when it should be discussed—whether to-day or on any other day. Rule 45 says . . ."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I know the rule. I wish to know from the Leader of the Opposition whether he is withdrawing his motion if there is to be a full dress debate."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, Rule 45 says—

'. . . or if the Speaker in consultation with the Leader of the House and the member of Government concerned so directs, at the conclusion of business of the day or any other day.'

MR. SPEAKER :—" I wish to know how many Members want a debate on this new elementary education scheme."

(Several hon. Members rose in their places.)

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MR. SPEAKER :—" The number is more than 22, and the motion is admitted. Regarding the time, it should be taken up at 4 o'clock. To-day we have got the half-hour debate on the tramway dispute. So, I wish to know . . ."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Sir, the time can be fixed after consultations."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I have no objection to further consultations. But I suggest that it may be fixed on any day after we finish discussion on the Andhra State Bill. There is nothing else standing in the way. I shall not then raise any objection that the matter is belated."

MR. SPEAKER :—" As soon as the Bill is over, we shall take up this question."

IV.—MOTION UNDER RULE 24 OF THE MADRAS ASSEMBLY RULES FOR TRANSACTION OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS ON A NON-OFFICIAL DAY.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move—

' *That rule 24 of the Madras Assembly Rules be suspended and the House do resolve to transact Government business (that is, discussion on the Andhra State Bill) on Thursday, the 16th July 1953.*' "

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Sir, I rise to oppose this motion for this very simple reason. It has been the practice of the Government to see that Members of this House are deprived of their right of having non-official days. In the last session the same thing happened. In the session previous to the last session, the same thing happened. This has been going on repeatedly for a long time. As a matter of fact, in the last session of the Assembly, you may remember, Sir, we had a long talk in your Chamber, and the Leader of the House at that time agreed that he would compensate for the loss of the non-official days in that session by providing additional non-official days in this session. But now at the very beginning we are deprived of the first non-official day. Members are deprived of any right whatsoever to discuss subjects on their own initiative. As far as this House is concerned, it is for the Government to bring in any subject which pleases them. As far as we in the Opposition are concerned, we are here to discuss questions which the Government choose to bring before the House and also those questions in which the Opposition and the public are interested, but in which the Government may not be interested for their own reasons and convenience. Therefore, I oppose this motion."

* THE HON. C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I am afraid the hon. the Leader of the Opposition has been a little bit hasty in coming to conclusion. It is not the intention of the Government to deprive this House of the opportunity of discussing non-official 11-10 a.m.